EXHIBIT D

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PATRICIA DESANTIS, individually and as Successor in Interest for RICHARD DESANTIS, deceased, and as Guardian Ad Litem for DANI DESANTIS, a minor and TIMOTHY FARRELL, a minor,

Plaintiffs,

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VS.

CASE NO. C 07 3386 JSW

CITY OF SANTA ROSA, JERRY SOARES, RICH CELLI, TRAVIS MENKE, PATRICIA MANN and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION OF

RICHARD CELLI - VOLUME I

November 14, 2007

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Oceanside, California. 1 Α. 2 ٥. When was that? That would be an approximate date and I would say 3 Α. sometime in the year 1989. 4 Did you know someone in the Oceanside Police 5 6 Department? 7 Α. No. How long did you do ride-alongs with the 8 9 Oceanside Police Department? 10 Α. Just one. 11 What is the first law enforcement agency you worked for? 12 Santa Rosa Police Department. 13 Α. Q. And what was your date of hire? 14 15 November 5th, 1990. Α. Who was the police chief at that time? 16 Salvatore Rosano. 17 Α. Have you worked continuously for the Santa Rosa 18 19 Police Department since November of 1990? 20 Α. Yes. 21 When were you promoted to sergeant? Q. 22 Α. September 10th, 2006. Have you ever served in the military? 23 0. 24 Α. No. Did you ever receive any training in the use of 25 Q.

A. Yes.

- Q. How many?
- A. One was parking in front of me and one pulled in behind me.
- Q. What information did you have when you arrived and before you got out of your car?
 - A. Regarding?
 - Q. What you were approaching.
- A. That a subject was shooting inside the residence, that his wife had called, that there were two children in the house with him, and that the subject was still shooting while I was responding. I mean, there's a lot.
 - Q. Well, keep going.
- A. That officers were on scene when the subject was still shooting, that the caller was either unable or unwilling to leave the residence.
 - Q. Anything else?
 - A. No.
- Q. And did you pick this up by listening to radio traffic or from some other source?
 - A. Radio traffic.
- Q. Did you understand that there was someone in the house who was giving information to someone outside the house, in other words, that whatever radio traffic you were getting was from a dispatcher or somebody who was

- night before Desantis?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Now, you get to the scene you get out of your car. You go to the trunk, you get your rifle, and then you meet with Sergeant Soares and Officer Jones, correct?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And where did that meeting take place?
- A. To the right or in the middle of the street from my patrol car.
 - Q. How long did that meeting last?
 - A. Approximately ten seconds.
 - O. And what was said?
- 13 A. Sergeant Soares advised me that he had the Sage
 14 less lethal and I described where I wanted to approach the
 15 residence.
 - Q. What did you say?
- A. I pointed out the southeast corner of the driveway.
- Q. Was this your attempt to establish a plan, a tactical plan?
- 21 A. The start of one, yes.
- Q. Okay. And so at this point your plan was to do what exactly?
- A. Get on scene, locate where the residence and the subjects involved were, and resolve the situation.

What do you mean by resolve? Q. 1 To stop the shooting, protect the family, protect 2 the citizens, protect the neighborhood. 3 When you say protect the family, what do you mean Ο. 4 by that? Did that include Mr. Desantis or not? 5 Α. Yes. 6 Okay. Did you understand if there were any 7 0. children in the house? 8 Α. Two. 9 Do you know how old they were? 10 Q. I believe 10 and 2. 11 Α. When you talked initially to Sergeant Soares and 12 Officer Jones did they provide you any new information 13 that you did not already have? 14 1.5 Α. No. And did you tell them what the plan was? 16 The basic plan of approach, where the approach 17 Α. should come from, yes. 18 Was the idea that the three of you would approach 19 0. together from the same general direction? 20 21 Α. Yes. And what's the next thing you did after this 22 conversation with Sergeant Soares and Officer Jones? 23 24 MS. FOWLER: Soares.

Soares.

MR. SCOTT:

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Approximately how far were you from the front 0. 1 door of his house where you saw the light emanating from? Approximately 18 to 20 yards. Α. 3 And did you see anyone else in the vicinity of 4 5 the house? Yes. გ Α. Who did you see? 7 0. A female holding, approximately, a two-year-old. 8 Α. Where was she in relation to the house? 9 0. Standing on the steps. 10 Α. Did you hear her say anything? 11 Q. No. 12 Α. Did you ever hear her say anything before the 13 shots were fired? 14 Not that I recall. 15 Now, when you first saw Mr. Desantis, where was 16 he in relation to his wife and child? 17 A. Off the steps a couple of yards south towards my 18 direction. 1.9 And was he walking toward you? 20 Q. Α. No. 21 Was he walking? 22 0. No. 23 Α. What was he doing? 24 Q. Standing. 25 A

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MS. FOWLER: A deposition is not
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    cross-examination. It's argumentative. Don't answer
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             MR. SCOTT: Q.
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    decision to have the other five officers at the scene stay
    in positions without cover so they could have a better
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    view of Mr. Desantis?
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             No.
             Do you know if they had positions of cover?
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             MS. FOWLER: It's been asked and answered.
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             MR. SCOTT: Q. So you don't know?
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             Don't know what?
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             Whether they had positions of cover, other than
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             At some point did you try to find him?
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             Why not?
             My attention was drawn towards Mr. Desantis.
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             At that point did you think he was a threat to
    you and the other officers?
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            Yes.
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            Did you think he had a gun?
        Q.
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I didn't know. 1 Α. Were you acting under the assumption that he had 2 3 a gun? Α. Yes. 4 And you understood that if he had a gun he could 5 have shot you and the other five officers there? 6 Yes. 7 Α. And you understood that if you or the other 8 officers had a position of cover, that would lessen the 9 risk of being shot? 10 I don't know. Α. 11 Why don't you know? 12 Q. A. Because it's based upon Mr. Desantis's actions. 13 Q. So you don't think it would make a difference if 14 there was cover? 15 MS. FOWLER: Object. It's argumentative. Don't 16 answer that. 17 MR. SCOTT: Q. Now, what did Officer Menke say 18 to Mr. Desantis? 19 I don't know specific words. 20 Did you understand that he was giving him 21 commands? 22 Α. Yes. 23 Q. Did you understand that one of the options was to 24 25 negotiate?

shoot them. 1 How are you trained to respond to those 2 Q. 3 situations? To deal with it based upon the situation at the 4 Α. time, based upon the dynamics around you. 5 Have you ever heard the term sympathetic gunfire? 6 Q. 7 Α. Yes. Have you heard that in training? Q. 8 9 Α. Yes. What do you understand that term means? 10 0. When qunfire is fired after an initial shot based 11 Α. upon the initial shot. 12 And what do you mean by that? You mean somebody 13 Ο. hears a shot fired and they just react by shooting? 14 15 Α. Yes. And did you have training in -- to avoid doing 16 that? 17 Yes. 18 Α. And how are you trained to avoid doing that? 19 Q. We are trained to individually assess danger or 20 Α. threats based upon our individual thoughts. 21 22 Q. And have you --And observations. 23 Α. And have you heard the term shoot and assess?

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Yes.

- 1 A. I wanted Mr. -- Officer Menke to give orders that
- 2 Mr. Desantis would understand and follow.
 - Q. Towards what end?
 - A. A safe resolution to the situation.
 - Q. And what was that going to be?
- 6 A. Taking him into custody.
 - Q. Oh. At some point did you see this as a 5150 situation?
 - A. I don't know what I had at the time.
- Q. At some point did you learn that Mr. Desantis was bipolar?
- MS. FOWLER: Object. Assumes facts not in
- 13 | evidence. You can answer that if you have an
- 14 understanding.

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- THE WITNESS: I don't know if Mr. Desantis was
- 16 | bipolar or not.
- MR. SCOTT: Q. Did -- at some point that night
- 18 | did you hear anyone say that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Who said it?
- 21 A. Patricia.
- 22 Q. When did she first say that to you?
- 23 A. After he had already been stopped.
- Q. When you say stopped, what do you mean by that?
- 25 You mean killed?

dynamics of the situation.

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- Q. What was it about his reactions and dynamics of the situation that led you to believe that commands were necessary instead of negotiations to get control of the situation?
- A. It was my belief that Mr. Desantis still posed a threat to his family, the community, and the officers and that he had to be detained to make sure that there weren't any injuries to anyone there.
- Q. I agree. This guy needed to be detained and put in handcuffs and locked up. Nobody is disputing that. My question is, why did you think the best way to accomplish that was through commands instead of negotiation?
 - A. Mr. Desantis never spoke a word.
 - Q. In response to commands?
 - A. Correct.
 - Q. Was there any attempt to negotiate with him?
- A. No.
 - Q. Okay. And based on your training, are you trained in certain situations where people do not respond to commands, it might be appropriate to try to negotiate with them?
 - A. Repeat the question.
 - Q. Are you trained in situations where suspects do not respond to commands that it might be appropriate to

intoxicated or psychotic people are doing is to -- maybe for the purpose of being shot or harmed?

- A. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. And you don't -- haven't had any training in that regard? In other words, why would an unarmed person act out to cause him or herself to get seriously injured or killed; you don't have any training about that?
 - A. We train on all types of scenarios.
 - Q. Including this?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. Now, I think we were at this situation where Mr. Desantis was going in the direction of Officer Menke; is that correct?
- 14 | A. Away.
 - Q. When you started giving the commands, at some point, reluctantly, Mr. Desantis started going in his direction?
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. And at that point were the officers that you mentioned still in the same positions or had people moved or changed their positions?
 - A. The same position.
 - Q. Was everybody standing?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. And were you aiming your rifle in the direction

of Mr. Desantis? 1 2 A. Yes. 3 0. Why? 4 Α. He was a threat. Okay. And to your knowledge, was Sergeant Soares 5 aiming his -- what's it called, Sage? Was he aiming his 6 Sage in the direction of Mr. Desantis? Α. Yes. And did you observe the other officers at the 9 scene -- did they have their weapons drawn? 10 11 Officer Mann and Officer Menke did. Α. 12 What about Officer Ellsworth? Ο. 13 Α. I don't know. What about Officer Jones? 14 0. 15 I don't know. Α. And you believe Mr. Desantis could have seen you? 16 Q. 17 Yes. Α. So at this point Mr. Desantis should have been 18 able to see at least four officers pointing rifles or 19 handguns at him and two other officers, including a police 20 21 dog, all standing kind of in front of him, right? I know Mr. Desantis could see myself, or looking 22 at me, as well as looking in the direction of Officer 23 24 Menke, Officer Mann and Officer Ellsworth. 25 Okay. I mean, you don't know what he saw, but he Q.

- certainly had an opportunity to see all the officers there and see what you saw?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. Can you describe how Mr. Desantis moved in the direction of Officer Menke?
- A. He stepped from the area of the porch and walked southwest approximately three to four steps towards Officer Menke's direction.
- Q. You say he walked. Was it a slow pace, a normal pace, how would you describe it?
 - A. I can't. I don't know.
 - Q. So he took about three or four steps?
- 13 A. Yes.
- Q. And then what did he do?
- A. Officer Menke ordered him to put his knees on the ground.
 - Q. Is this something you wanted Officer Menke to order him to do?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Did you tell Officer Menke to order him to do 21 that?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Did Officer Menke order him to stop after he took three or four steps and to get on the ground, or did he do it without being ordered to do it?

- A. I don't know.
- Q. So Mr. Desantis, after he took three or four steps in the direction of Officer Menke, stopped and put one or more knees on the ground?
 - A. Eventually both knees.
- Q. And how long was he standing there before both knees were on the ground?
- A. There were several commands to do so. It took a while for him to get on his knees.
 - Q. Several seconds?
- 11 A. Yes.

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- Q. During this period of time was his wife still in the vicinity of the front door of the house?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 O. You could see her?
- 16 A. No.
- Q. Did you -- before the shots were fired, did you hear her say anything about a leg injury that he had?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. And did you hear over the radio traffic any information about a leg injury?
 - A. No.
 - Q. Now, what happened after Mr. Desantis put two knees on the ground?
- 25 A. He was told to keep his hands in the air and then

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MS. FOWLER: Other than what he's already
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    testified to?
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             THE WITNESS: No.
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             MR. SCOTT: Q. And how would you describe
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    Officer Menke's tone of voice?
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    Menke?
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             When Mr. Desantis put his hands on the ground was
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    he in a prone position?
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             Kneeling.
            He was kneeling and he had his hands facing down
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    on the ground?
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             He would pick them up, take them off the ground,
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    and then put them back down.
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- 1 Q. How many times did he do that?
- A. I would es- -- excuse me. I would estimate one or two times.
- Q. At that time would it have been appropriate to have the dog go after Mr. Desantis?
 - A. No.

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- Q. Why not?
- A. Because, although he was hesitantly complying, he was complying.
- Q. Okay. Now, at that point were you going to go
 over or have someone go over to Mr. Desantis and handcuff
 him?
- A. Once he was proned out.
- Q. What does that mean, proned out?
- A. Once we gained his compliance and he was on the ground.
- Q. When you say on the ground, what do you mean by that? Fully on the ground, not just on his hands and knees?
- 20 A. Correct.
- Q. So the idea was once he got fully on the ground, not just on his hands and knees, someone would -- one or more persons would approach him to handcuff him?
 - A. Yes.

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Q. And if he didn't do that was putting the dog on

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him ever an option?
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            MS. FOWLER: I object. Incomplete hypothetical.
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             THE WITNESS: No.
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            MR. SCOTT: Q. Okay. Was using a Taser ever an
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            MS. FOWLER: Again, I'm going to object.
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   that far away from him before you -- that you were going
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   to stay 16 or 18 yards from him before he was fully prone?
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- A. Mr. Desantis was ordered to lay down prone. He bent forward, rolled his hips towards the ground, immediately came back up to his kneeling position.
- Q. When you say rolled his hips to the ground, what do you mean by that?
- A. He went from having his hands and knees on the ground to moving forward, placing his hips on the ground.
 - Q. The side of his hips or...
 - A. No, like he was going to lie down.
 - O. Okay. On his back or on his stomach?
 - A. On his stomach.
- Q. So did he do that by kind of going forward or sideways on his hands -- he's on his hands and knees. And what did he do to make it appear like he was going to go on the ground on his stomach?
 - A. He pushed his hips forward.
 - Q. And what were his hands doing at that point?
- 19 A. Staying in the same spot.
 - Q. Did his face hit the ground?
 - A. I don't think so.
- 22 Q. Did any of his upper body touch the ground?
- 23 A. No.
 - Q. Okay. And then what happened? How long was he in that position where he was kind of leaned forward but

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hadn't touched the ground yet?
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            Approximately a second.
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            He was back at the kneeling position.
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             For how long?
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            A couple seconds.
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            And were commands still being made?
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        Q.
            Yes
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             Did it appear that the commands were not being
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             Yes.
             Did -- what were your options at that point if he
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   wasn't going to follow commands?
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            To continue to try to gain his compliance.
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            And was negotiating with him an option at that
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   time?
            Had he been responsive.
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            And was putting a dog on him an option at that
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   time?
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       Α.
            No.
            Okay. And what's the next thing you saw him do
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   after he was on his hands and knees again for about a
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- O. And did what?
- 3 A. Ran.
 - Q. Ran. On his hands and knees or did he get up?
 - A. He got up.
 - Q. And did he look at you and his wife and Officer Menke before he got up or after he got up?
 - A. Before he got up.
 - Q. And how long did he look in your direction?
 - A. Momentarily.
 - Q. And then how long did he look at his wife?
- 12 A. Momentarily.
- 13 | O. And did he look at you first?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did he look at his wife before or after he looked
- 17 A. I don't know.

at you?

- 18 Q. And describe how he got up.
- A. He took off like he left the sprinter blocks, if you know what sprinter blocks are.
- Q. I ran track, so I know what they are very well.
- 22 So he came -- got up and like he was coming out of
- 23 | sprinter blocks?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Without track shoes? All right. And was he

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sprinting?
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             Yes.
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             Have you ever sprinted?
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             Did you run the hundred, 220, 240, or you just
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    sprinted for fun?
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             I've run track.
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             All types. Short distance, long distance.
         Α.
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             What was your best time in a hundred?
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         Q.
             I have no idea.
         Α.
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             Okay. So -- but you've run out of blocks?
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         Q.
             Yes.
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         Q.
             On tracks?
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         Α.
             Yes.
             In high school or in college?
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         Q.
             High school.
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         Α.
             And you know what it looks like to sprint, right?
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         Q.
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         Α.
             Yes.
             And was Mr. Desantis sprinting?
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         Ο.
             Yes.
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         Α.
             And what direction was he sprinting?
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         Q.
             Directly at Travis and Officer Mann.
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         Α.
             And his legs were pumping?
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         Q.
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(Brief recess taken from 5:39 p.m. to 5:48 p.m.) 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This marks the beginning of 2 volume 1, videotape number 3 in the deposition of Richard 3 Celli in the matter of Patricia Desantis, et al. versus 4 City of Santa Rosa in the United States District Court, 5 Northern District of California, case number 6 C 07-3386 JSW. Today's date is November 14th, 2007, and 7 the time now is 5:48 on the record. 8 MR. SCOTT: Back on the record. 9 Mr. Celli, we left off and I think where we left 10 off Mr. Desantis was sprinting in the direction of Officer 11 Menke and you observed Sergeant Soares take a position, 12 aim his Sage -- and how is that spelled, s-a-g or s-a-g-e? 13 14 Α. S-a-q-e. And did you see Sergeant Soares fire the Sage? 15 0. I heard it. 16 Α. And did you -- what's the next thing you saw 17 after you heard the Sage being fired? 18 It appeared that the Sage round hit Mr. Desantis, 19 he tilted his body right, briefly, and proceeded towards 20 Officers Menke and Mann. 21 Was he still sprinting? 22 Q.

- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. At any time did he stop sprinting?
- 25 A. No.

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What period of time? Q.

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- O. One second?
- A. Maybe -- I would say a second to two, approximately.
- Q. And in those one or two seconds what did you observe Mr. Desantis do?
 - A. Continue towards Officer Menke and Mann.
 - Q. And was he still continuing as a sprinter?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And his legs were -- and his arms were moving
- 11 | like a sprinter?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 | Q. And there was nothing in his hands, correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- Q. What were you afraid he was going to do, tackle them or run by them, what were you thinking?
- 17 A. He was attacking them.
- 18 Q. And were you afraid he was going to kill them?
- 19 A. Yes.
- Q. And how did you think he was going to kill them?
- 21 A. By either pulling out a weapon or taking theirs.
- 22 Q. And what did you do?
- 23 A. I shot him.
- Q. And where -- how far had he moved from when the Sage round hit him to when you pulled -- squeezed the

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trigger?
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- A. A couple of steps.
- Q. Okay. Are you sure it was a couple of steps, not more?
- 5 A. Two to four steps.
- Q. And approximately how many feet had he moved in those two to four steps?
 - A. Approximately three to four yards.
- 9 Q. And how far away was he from Officer Menke when 10 you fired?
- 11 A. Approximately six to eight yards.
- 12 Q. And how far away was he from you when you fired?
- A. A little further, approximately, I'd say, seven
- 14 | to nine yards.
- 15 Q. 20, 25 feet?
- 16 A. Approximately.
- Q. It would have been maybe 15 or 20 feet from
- 18 Officer Menke?
- 19 A. Approximately.
- Q. And did it appear to you that he was heading
- 21 | directly towards Officer Menke?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. How big is Officer Menke?
- A. Approximately five-six to five-nine, 150 to 175
- 25 | pounds, approximately.

- Q. Okay. Well, what happened, what did you observe after you fired your shot?
 - A. Mr. Desantis's body starting to turn.
 - Q. Was he still sprinting?
 - A. Yes.

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- Q. And why didn't you shoot again if he was still sprinting?
 - A. I was assessing.
- Q. And how many steps did he take while you were assessing?
 - A. Maybe one to two.
 - Q. And then what happened?
 - A. Two more shots were fired.
 - Q. And why didn't you shoot again?
- A. Mr. Desantis stopped.
 - O. After the other two shots were fired?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 | Q. Do you know who fired the other two shots?
 - MS. FOWLER: Now, or did he know then?
- 20 MR. SCOTT: Q. Did you know then?
- 21 A. I did not know then.
- Q. This is a good place to stop, so let's stop here
- 23 for today. This deposition will be reconvened at a time
- 24 | that is mutually convenient for the witness and for
- 25 opposing counsel but, hopefully, sometime before we get to

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I do hereby certify that the witness in the foregoing deposition was by me duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the within-entitled cause; that said deposition was taken at the time and place therein stated; that the testimony of the said witness was reported by me, a Certified Shorthand Reporter and a disinterested person, and was under my supervision thereafter transcribed into typewriting; that thereafter, the witness was given an opportunity to read and correct the deposition transcript, and to subscribe the same; that if unsigned by the witness, the signature has been waived in accordance with stipulation between counsel for the respective parties.

And I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties to said deposition, nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

| | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the <u>26時</u> | |
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| day of | November, 2007. | |

Certified Shorthand Reporter

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